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Pending Rail Projects
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ongoing/pending rail projects in the country and the amount sanctioned and incurred by the Government for implementation of such projects particularly in Bihar during the last one year and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal for speedy implementation of new rail projects in the country particularly in Bihar for Bihta-Aurangabad new rail line for development of backward and extremist affected areas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): As on 01.04.2016, a total of 458 ongoing major Railway projects of New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling spread across the country, have been taken up. Anticipated cost of these projects is ` 4.84 lakh crores and an expenditure of Rs. 96,911 Crore has been incurred on these projects till March, 2016. 54 of these projects fall fully/partly in Bihar. An expenditure of ` 11,795 Crore has been incurred on these projects till March, 2016. For the projects falling fully/partly in Bihar, outlay of ` 2529 Crore in 2015-16 & ` 3274 Crore in 2016-17 were provided.

(b) & (c): For speedy implementation of rail projects in the country the steps taken are (i) substantial increase in allocation of funds, (ii) prioritization of projects, (iii) delegation of powers at field level, (iv) regular co-ordination meetings with State Governments for land acquisition, relocation of utilities, etc. These measures have resulted in substantial increase in pace of execution of projects in the last three years. Apart from this, Ministry of Railways has approached all State Governments including Bihar to form Joint Venture Companies (JVCs) jointly with Ministry of Railways to undertake mutually identified rail infrastructure projects for project development, resources mobilization and monitoring. Bihta-Aurangabad via Anugrahanarayan Road (118 Km) New Line Project was included in Railway Budget 2007-08 at an estimated cost of ` 326 crore. The project is not achieving requisite pace due to non-availability of adequate land.